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1. ON [MARCH MEETING WAS HELD [

2. [EXPECTS A VOTER TURNOUT
OF 3,200,000 FROM A TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS OF
3,800,000. [FINDS VOTER INTEREST VERY HIGH FOR THESE
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS BECAUSE OF THE STAKES INVOLVED. [
EXPECTS THE PN WILL RECEIVE BETWEEN 20 TO 22 PERCENT OF VOTES
CAST, PDC 27 PERCENT, AND PDR AROUND 3 PERCENT.

3. THE NATIONAL PARTY CONDUCTED A SURVEY IN SANTIAGO
WHICH SHOWS THAT 52 PERCENT OF THOSE RESPONDING FAVORED THE
PRESENT GOVT, WITH 48 PERCENT OPPOSED TO IT. NINETEEN PERCENT
REFUSED TO ANSWER. [IF U.P. IS REALLY
DOING THIS WELL IN SANTIAGO, THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO DO
EVEN BETTER ELSEWHERE, BASED ON PAST ELECTION RESULTS.
REASONS GIVEN BY THOSE PERSONS FAVORING THE GOVT ~~WERE~~ WERE:

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THE HALF-LITER OF MILK BEING PROVIDED TO CHILDREN, FACT THAT GOVT IS FOR THE POOR PEOPLE, AND BECAUSE GOVT HAS KEPT PRICES DOWN. REASONS GIVEN BY THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE PRESENT GOVT WERE UNEMPLOYMENT AND LACK OF PERSONAL SECURITY. ANOTHER POLL WAS TAKEN IN VALPARAISO. THIS POLL SHOWED THAT THE MAJOR ISSUES WERE UNEMPLOYMENT, PERSONAL INSECURITY, AND INFLATION. SINCE INFLATION IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, ACCORDING TO THE GOVT, WAS ONLY 0.7 PERCENT, THIS SHOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO THE GOVT. ONLY 2 PERCENT OF THOSE PERSONS SURVEYED THOUGHT COMMUNISM WAS A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE.

4. IN INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 4 ELECTION THE OPPOSITION PARTIES PLAN TO INCLUDE VOTES RECEIVED BY RADICAL PARTY IN THEIR TOTALS TO DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH OF THE NON-MARKIST POLITICAL PARTIES, AS OPPOSED TO THE MARXIST PARTIES.

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